

the Town of Sunset Beach. From a population of 30 in 1963, Sunset Beach is now home to more than 3400 permanent residents and a booming tourism industry. Unique among Barrier Island communities in North Carolina, Sunset Beach encompasses both a mainland and an island. Nearby Bird Island is a 1300-acre State Preserve barrier island home to unique species of birds and turtles.

From the natural beauty of the Intracoastal Waterway to the pristine beaches, small-town atmosphere, golf courses, and wildlife, Sunset Beach offers a family-friendly destination for thousands of tourists every year. Although Sunset Beach has grown significantly since 1963, it retains the small-town charm that has led thousands of North Carolinians to call it home.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Town of Sunset Beach, North Carolina, as it celebrates 50 years. I am fortunate to represent this beautiful coastal town, to have a place to spend time there with my family, and to enjoy the friendship of its residents.

May God continue to bless this place which is so special not only to its citizens and to families like mine, but also to those who travel to this wonderful destination indeed, a beautiful part of God's creation!

HONORING MILJENKO "MIKE"
GRGICH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Miljenko "Mike" Grgich on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Born in Croatia, Mr. Grgich studied winemaking and viticulture at the University of Zagreb before he left communist Croatia for the Napa Valley in 1958.

In 1976 the Chardonnay that Mike made won the famed Paris Tasting. This victory shattered the myth that only French soil can produce world-class wines, and the victory pumped new energy into the California wine industry, particularly in the Napa Valley. Following Mike's lead, California vintners redoubled their efforts to make better wines each year.

In honor of his contributions to the industry, Mike was inducted into the Vintners Hall of Fame on March 7, 2008, the same year the California State Fair presented Mike Grgich with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

In 1977 Mr. Grgich launched Grgich Hills Winery, a stunning illustration of innovation in winemaking. The winery converted to solar power in 2006, and today farms all of its 366 acres organically. Each of the wines that the vineyard produces is estate grown.

Today Mr. Grgich is active in Roots of Peace, the international campaign to rid the world of land mines by changing the mines to vines. In 2007, Roots of Peace presented Mike with its Global Citizen Award for his leadership and unique contributions in raising landmine awareness around the globe.

Mr. Grgich's winery donates to a number of organizations and it is a longtime supporter of the Auction Napa Valley, which raises money for local nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Grgich is a legend of the Napa Valley and a champion of our community. Mr. Speak-

er, it is only appropriate that we honor Miljenko Grgich's profound contributions to Napa Valley and the art of American winemaking

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, on March 6, 2013, I missed rollcall Nos. 59, 60, 61, and 62 due to upcoming cataract surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 59, "nay" on rollcall No. 60, "yea" on rollcall No. 61, and "nay" on rollcall No. 62.

On March 12, 2013, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall No. 63. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
MR. S. GERALD DAVIDSON

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the retirement of Mr. S. Gerald Davidson. Mr. Davidson is an accomplished attorney who has dedicated his life to helping his community of Rochester, New York, and making our country a better place to live.

Mr. Davidson was first drawn to our area while attending the University of Rochester, graduating in 1952. After earning his law degree at Cornell, Mr. Davidson moved back to Rochester where he opened his own firm, Davidson Fink LLP in 1968, and focused on practicing matrimonial and family law. Since its inception, Davidson Fink has dedicated itself to tailoring to each client's individual needs, expectations and time constraints. Under Mr. Davidson's tutelage, the firm has become one of the fastest growing business operations over the last four years while attracting some of the best attorneys to Upstate New York.

With 44 years of expertise, Mr. Davidson is very generous in sharing his knowledge through lectures at the Monroe County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. By setting this precedent, employees at Davidson Fink LLP are also expected to share their experiences throughout the legal community through publishing, forums, and seminars to meet the challenges of an ever-changing profession.

In addition to fully immersing himself in the legal community through the Collaborative Law Association of the Rochester Area, Inc., and the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, having previously served as the chairman of the Family Law section in New York State Chapter Board of Managers, Mr. Davidson has dedicated himself to upholding the highest level of professionalism. Mr. Davidson clearly enjoys remaining a student of a field he loves where families themselves have grown more diverse.

With all of these remarkable accomplishments, perhaps the most illustrative of Mr.

Davidson's commitment to his profession is the prestigious honor of consistently being named one of the Best Lawyers in America, beginning with their initial rankings in the 1980s. For families facing monumental changes in their future, this experience can be overwhelming, stressful, and confusing. Even if the make-up of these clients' families may be altered, what remains the same is Mr. Davidson's unparalleled abilities to navigate these complex relationships.

His dedication towards others also extends to our community. Mr. Davidson has served on the Board of Directors for the Jewish Home of Rochester and was a member of the Town of Brighton's Board of Appeals for over a decade. Davidson Fink LLP has continued to follow in his footsteps as a staunch supporter of community outreach by participating in events hosted by the Ronald McDonald House, Habitat for Humanity, and the Ibero-American Action League and advocating for others through pro bono work. Mr. Davidson's actions have had long lasting impacts on our community, and we are so fortunate that he has chosen to call Rochester his home.

In tribute to a lifetime of service to community and country, I stand to acknowledge Mr. Davidson. There is no better way to commemorate his retirement than to honor a man who has committed himself to families and upholding the law to the best of his abilities. I am proud to honor one of the finest residents of New York's 25th Congressional District, the incomparable Mr. S. Gerald Davidson.

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS McDANIEL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Dennis McDaniel for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2013 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

In 2003, Dennis McDaniel joined the Windsor Heights Police Department as a police officer. Today, he is a law enforcement veteran who has ascended the rank of Windsor Heights' Chief of Police. In this role, which he has held since 2010, Mr. McDaniel has revolutionized his department's operations and actively made his community a safer place, developing a volunteer police reserve program and implementing a variety of technological and goal-based tools in his department's divisions. From serving as chairman for the Central Iowa Traffic Safety Task Force to teaching Rape Aggression Defense programs to the women of Greater Des Moines, Dennis has demonstrated a clear commitment to providing